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SUBJECT:

Coordination of Collection Requirements

1. A summary of the discussion at the meeting on the above subject on Friday, 18 February, is set forth in the attached memorandum of conversation.

2. I understand, however, that there is some confusion as to what were the views of the participants. In order that I may be fully and accurately informed on the views of the officers of the Agency prior to the meeting on Friday with the IAC representatives, I would appreciate receiving a memorandum from you or a phone call indicating whether you concur or non-concur in Feb 2 of the paper which went from me to the IAC agencies on the subject: "Review of the Coordination of Collection of Intelligence Information," and dated February 4.

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3. While that paper mentioned the establishment of IAC committees, [REDACTED] of OSI has indicated that whether the procedures outlined are, in the case of intelligence requirements (as distinct from information requirements), carried out by committee or otherwise is immaterial. My own understanding of the OSI proposal is as follows:

a. That a consolidated list of intelligence requirements would be drawn from the DCID 4/1 which, when approved by the IAC, would govern the research programs of the producing elements in the community. This would be prepared with the participation of all producers.

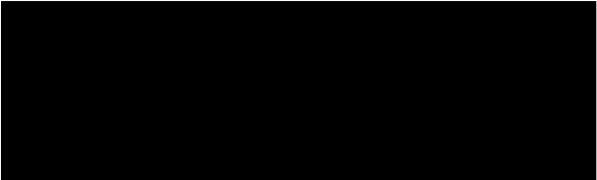
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b. The list of intelligence requirements would be broken down into a consolidated list of information requirements needed to meet the intelligence requirements listed in (a) above.

c. This consolidated list of information requirements would be assigned as collection tasks to the various collectors through some centrally located inter-agency group composed of collectors.

4. It is further understood that the OCI proposal is not intended to inhibit or alter the existing procedures and cooperative arrangements which have already been established in regard to the coordination of ad hoc requirements, these arrangements having been described in Tab A to the reference paper.

5. After learning of the views of the IAC agencies, I will reconvene the same CIA group to determine what position CIA should take in further IAC discussion.


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Attachment

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